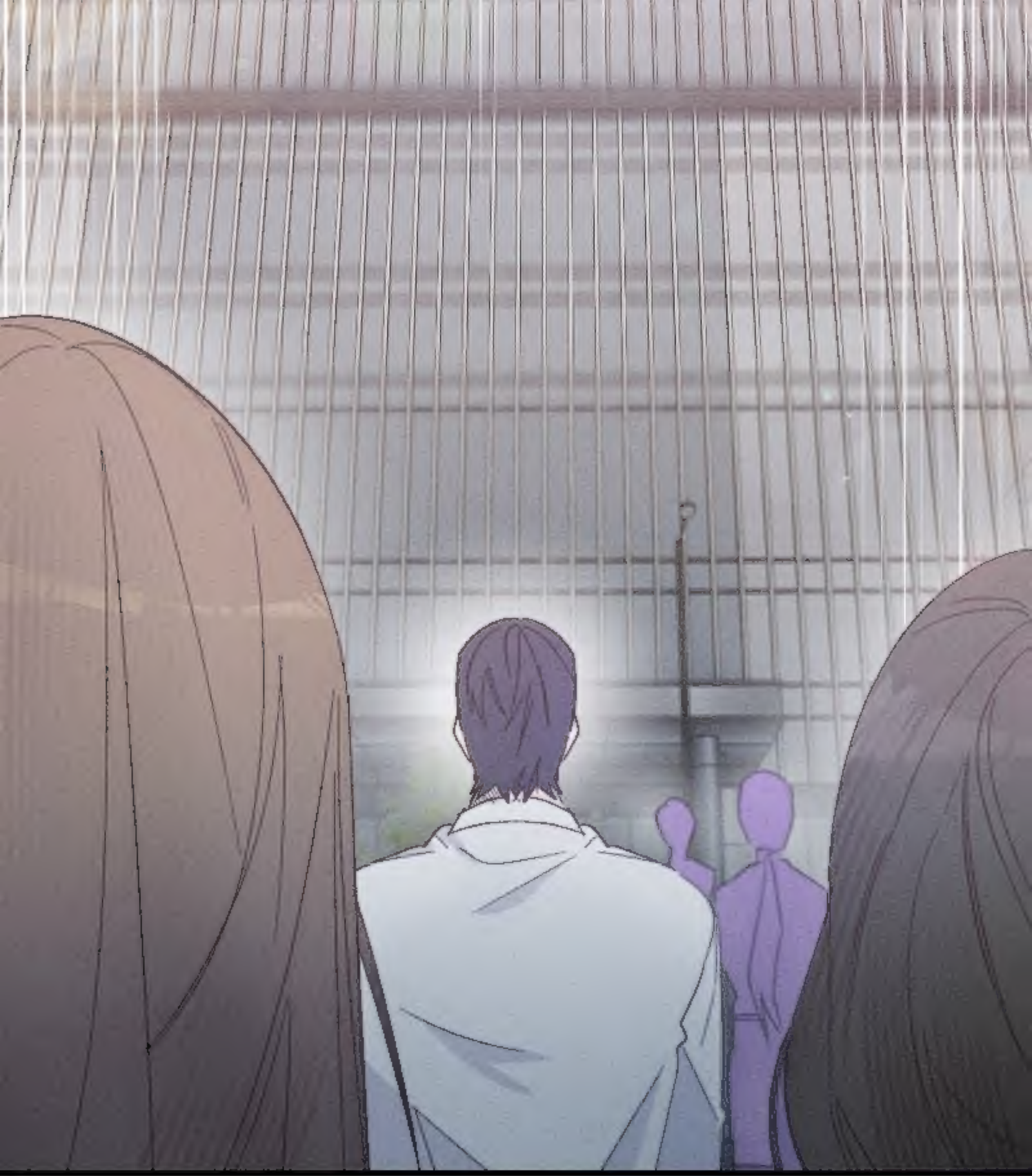


The New Hire is the Demon Lord.

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A comic panel featuring a character with dark hair and glasses in the bottom left corner, looking upwards. The background is a large, multi-story building with many windows, rendered in a warm, reddish-brown color palette. A speech bubble originates from the character, containing the text "IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S ABOUT TO COLLAPSE!". The word "HUSTLE" is written in a stylized, bold font on the right side of the panel.

IT LOOKS
LIKE IT'S ABOUT
TO COLLAPSE!

HUSTLE





IT'S
MR. RYU!



DASH





WHAT
A RELIEF!
ARE YOU ALL
RIGHT?!

YES, I'M FINE.
I SHOULD REALLY
GET MORE EXERCISE...
I'M SO WINDED!

EVERYONE'S OUT
NOW, RIGHT?







LAHAN AND
YONGRAE ARE
STILL INSIDE!



TUR



**YOU
CAN'T!**

**WE
CALLED 911,
SO JUST
WAIT!**

THERE'S NO TIME!
IF IT COLLAPSES--



THEN
YOU COULD DIE
AS WELL!

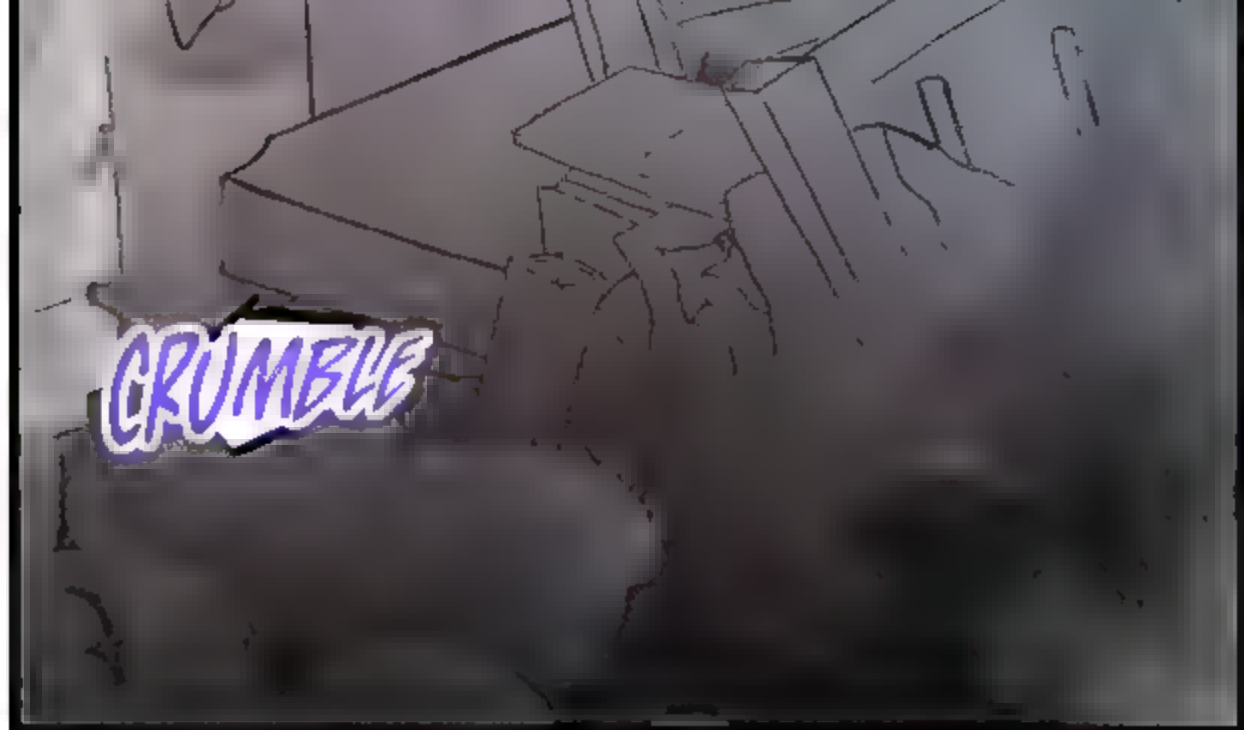




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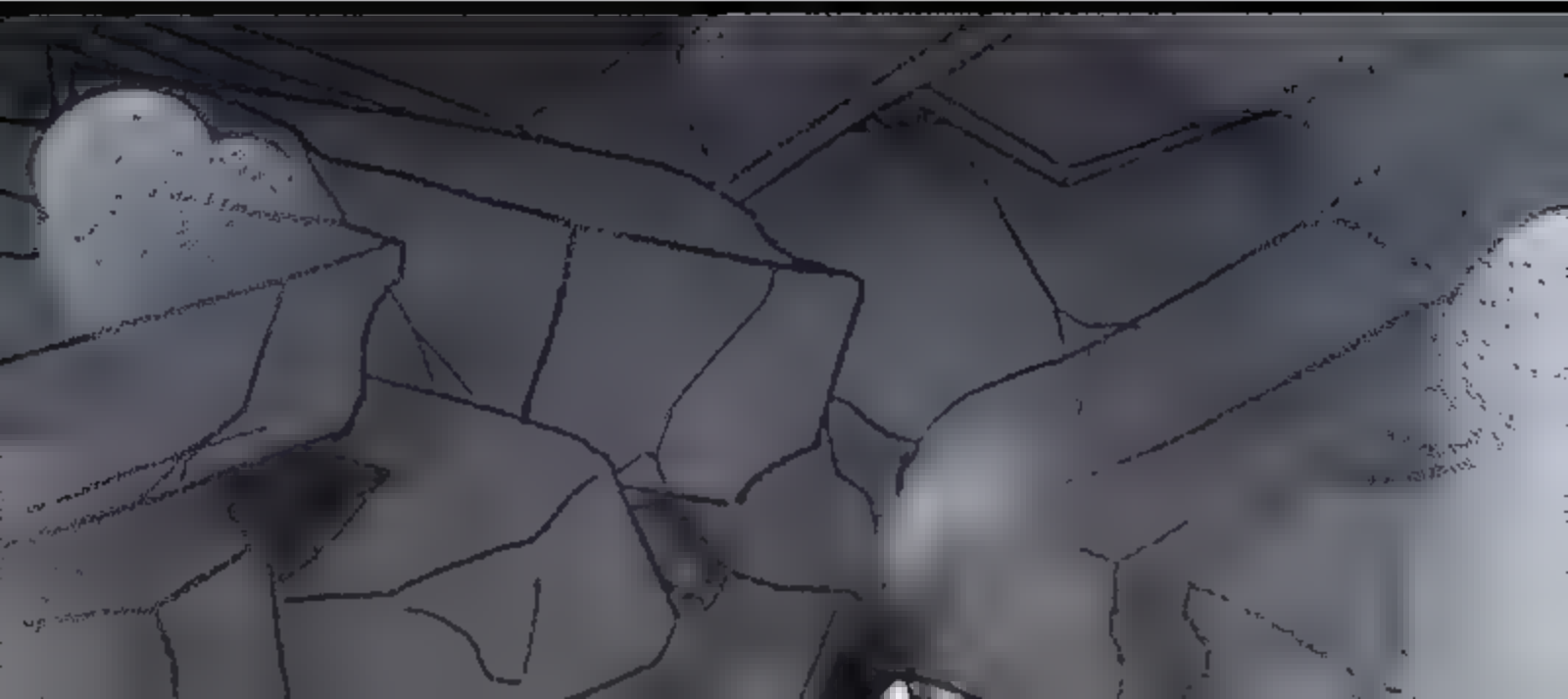
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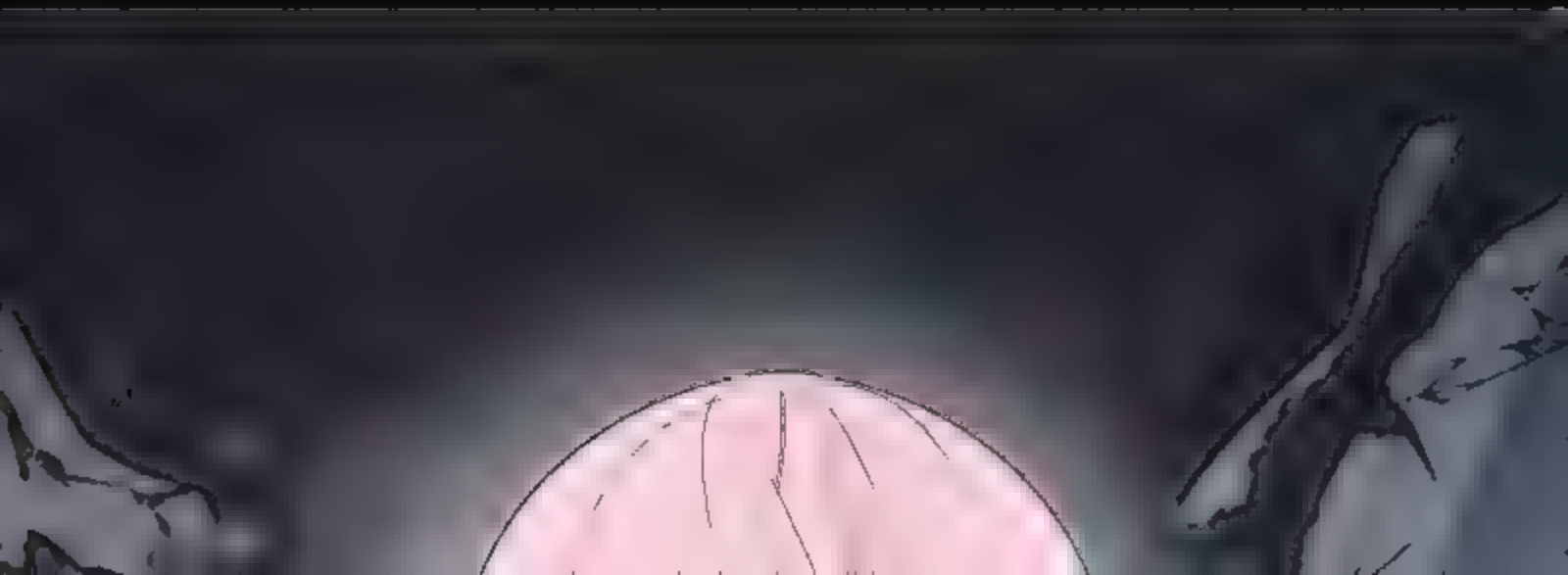






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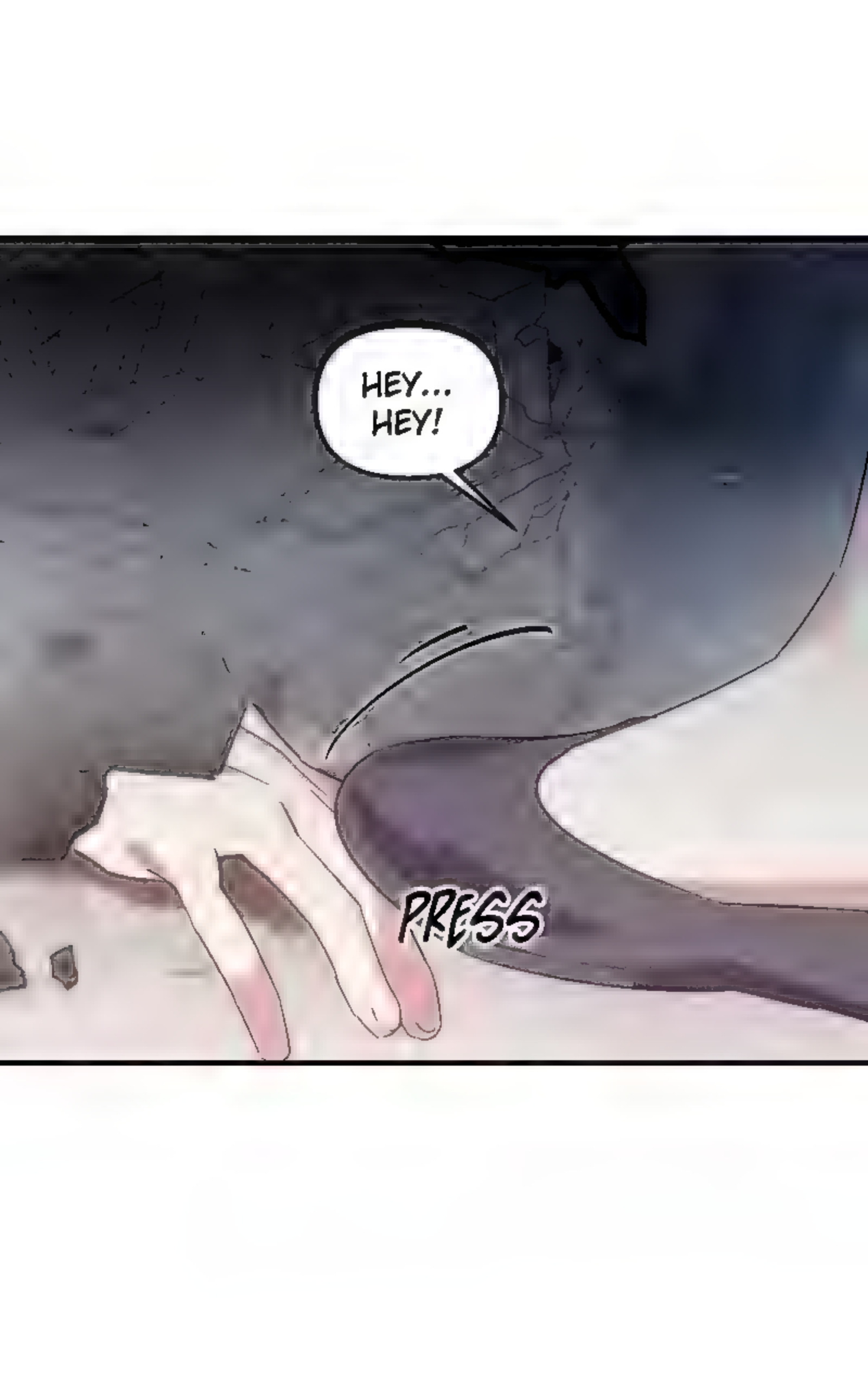




STEP

STEP



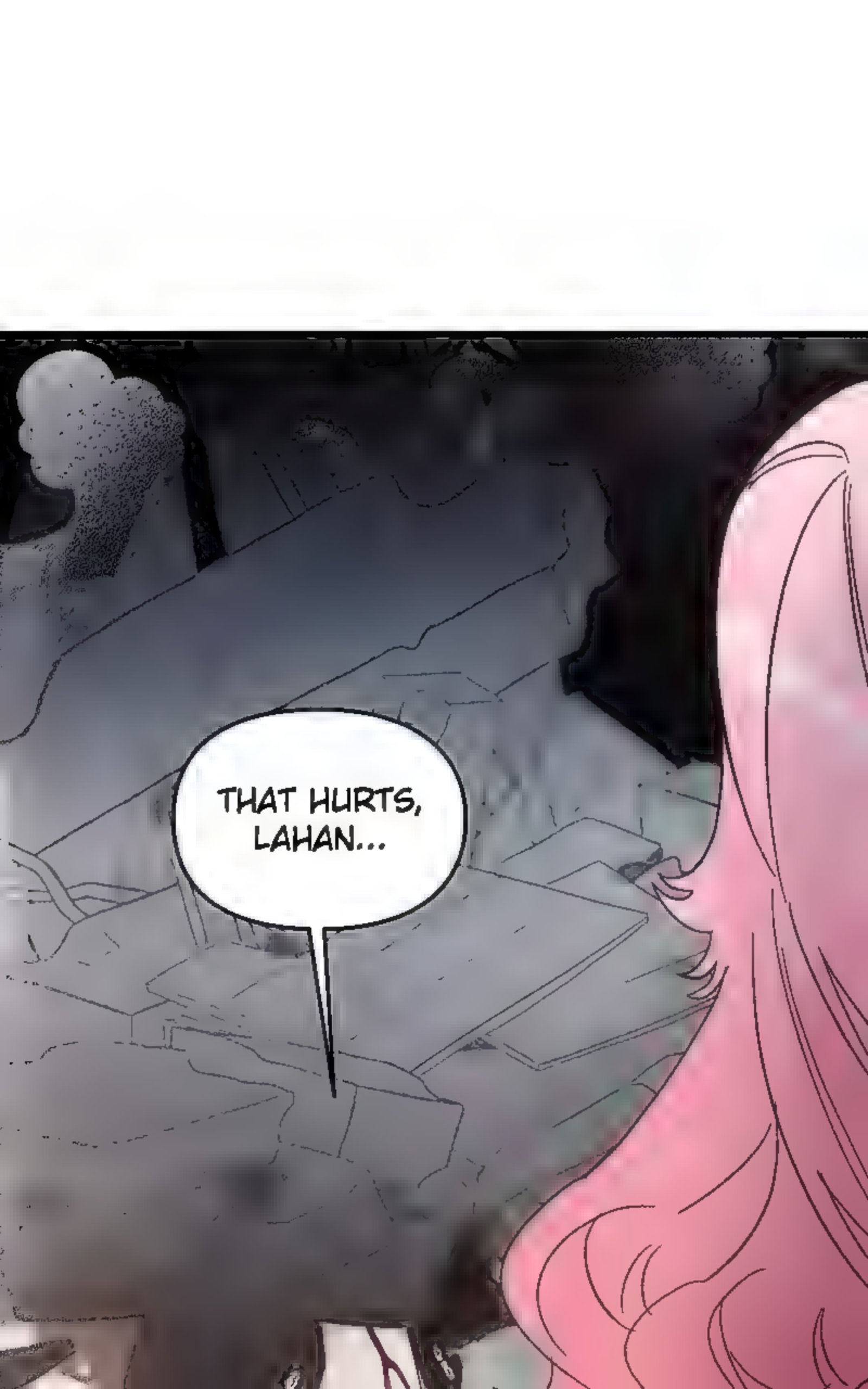
A hand with light skin is shown pressing a button on a dark, cracked surface. The button is a small, dark, rectangular object. The hand is positioned on the left side of the frame, with the index finger pressing down on the button. The background is dark and textured, with cracks and creases visible. A speech bubble is located above the hand, containing the text "HEY... HEY!". The word "PRESS" is written in a stylized, bold font next to the button.

HEY...
HEY!

PRESS

ARE YOU
DEAD...?





THAT HURTS,
LAHAN...





I KNEW IT!
YOU ARE FINE!
HAHA!

WHAT ARE YOU
WAITING FOR?! STOP
PLAYING DEAD AND
GET UP--

HURRY
AND GET OUT
OF HERE...





MORE DEBRIS
COULD FALL, SO...
HURRY...

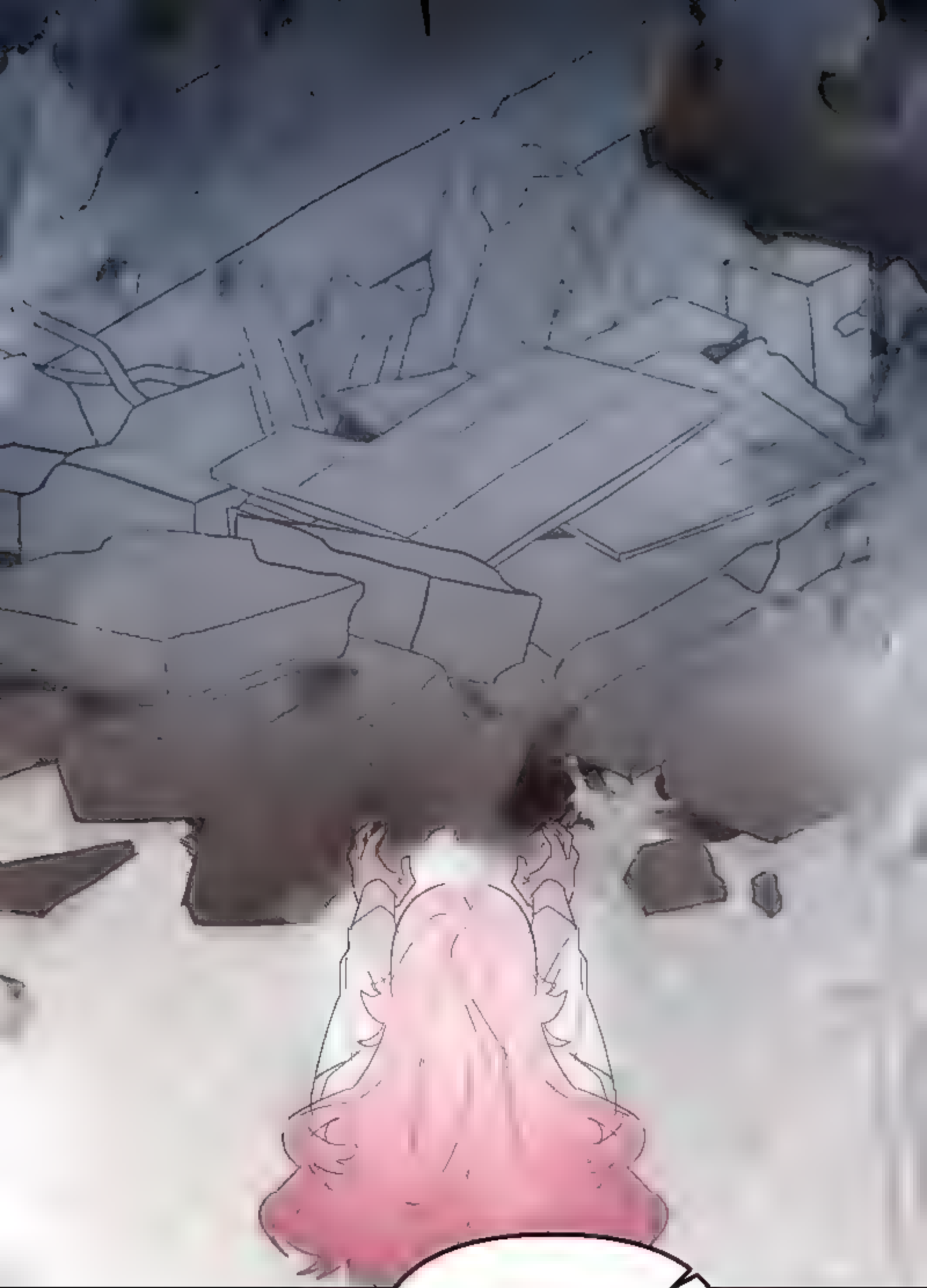
A manga-style illustration of a young girl with long, flowing pink hair. She is shown from the chest up, wearing a white garment with a ruffled collar. Her mouth is wide open in a shout, and her eyes are squeezed shut. A large, white, jagged speech bubble originates from her mouth, containing text. The background is dark and textured, suggesting an indoor setting with a wall and floor. Another smaller speech bubble is visible at the bottom of the frame.

I-I WILL
GET YOU OUT!
YOU MAY NOT KNOW IT,
BUT I AM ACTUALLY
VERY STRONG--

JUST
LEAVE!



IT'S TOO
LATE FOR ME...
MY VISION IS
FADING...



SO PLEASE,
JUST LEAVE ME
AND GO!

I WANT
YOU TO LIVE,
LAHAN...

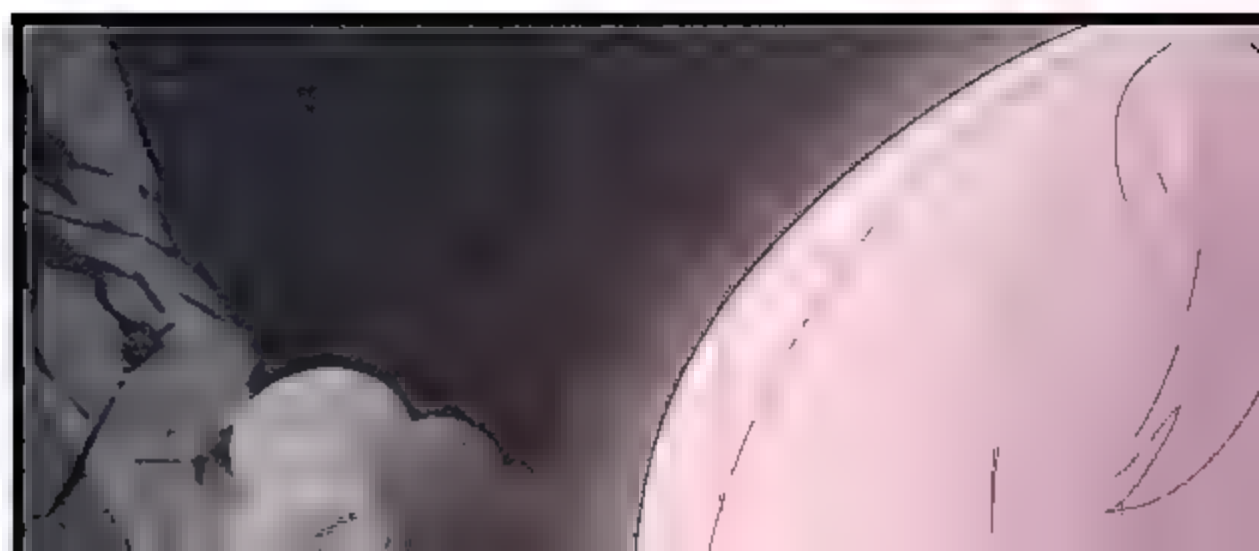


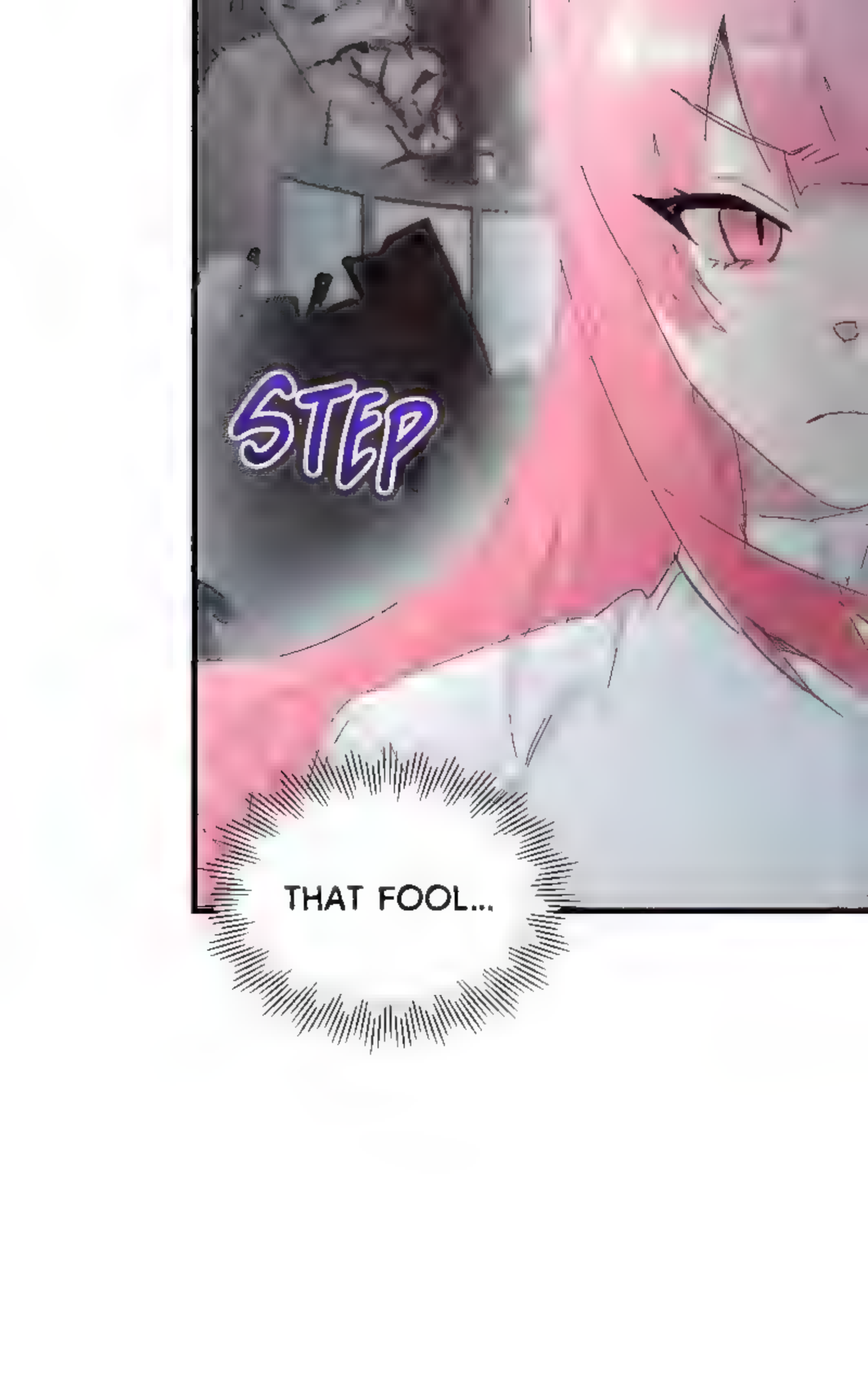




ALL
RIGHT.







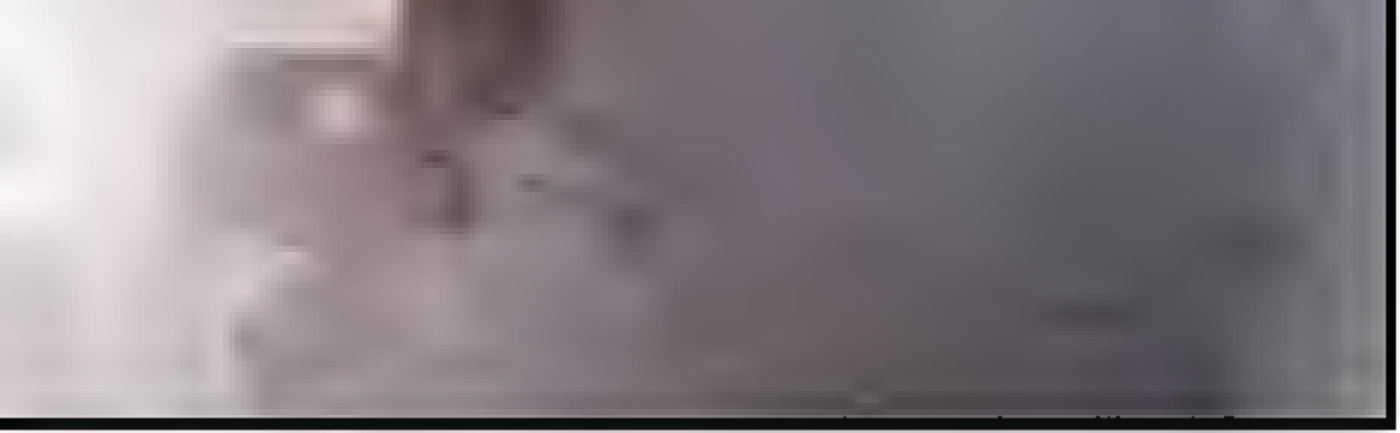
STEP

THAT FOOL...

HE COULD
HAVE LIVED HAD
HE ACCEPTED
MY HELP.

STEP





IS HE
TRYING TO ACT
THE HERO BECAUSE
HE IS THE HERO'S
DESCENDANT?



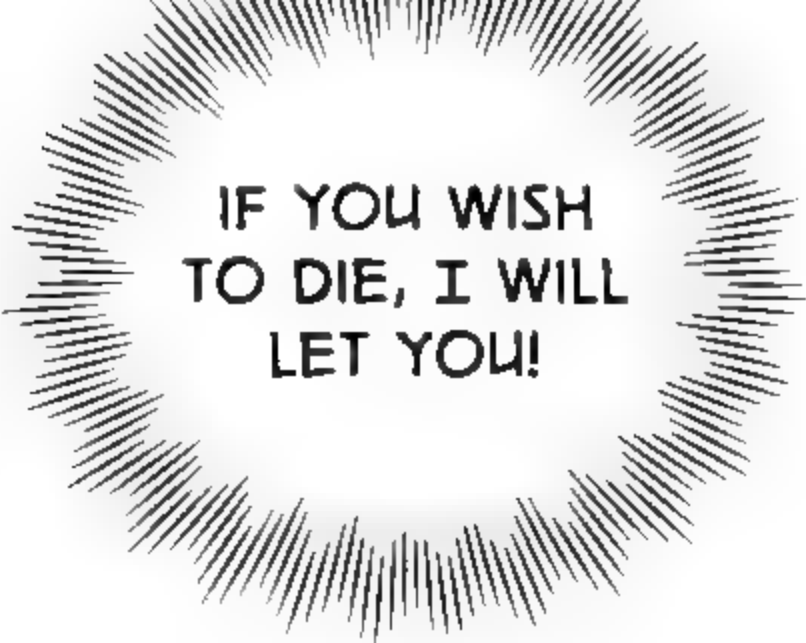


THUD

LEONARD
WOULD
HAVE NEVER
GIVEN UP.

YOU
ARE FAR TOO
FEEBLE-MINDED TO
BECOME A HERO,
YONGRAE.



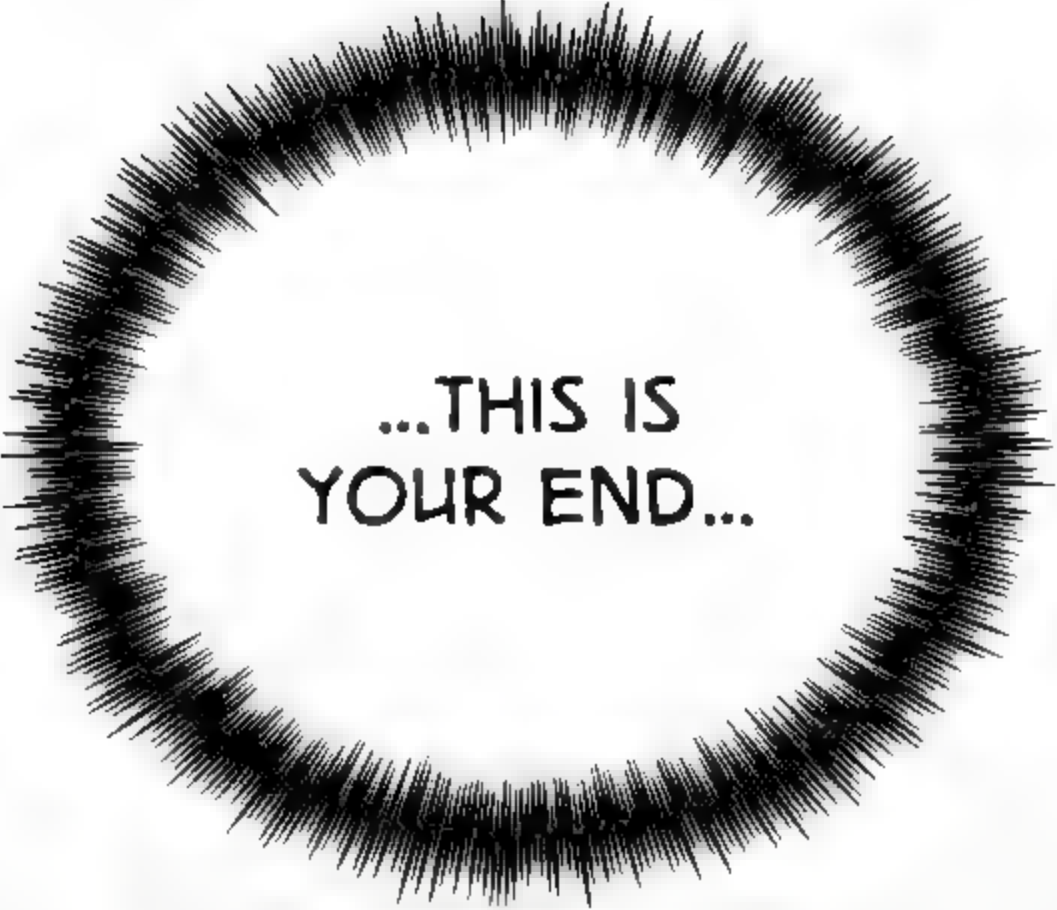


IF YOU WISH
TO DIE, I WILL
LET YOU!





I SUPPOSE...



...THIS IS
YOUR END...



...DESCENDANT
OF THE HERO.







THOUGH YOU
LOOK JUST LIKE
LEONARD...



...YOU ARE
MUCH MORE
SHY...





...EASILY
FRIGHTENED...





...AND WEAK.









IN THE END...



...YOU FAILED
TO BECOME
LEONARD.



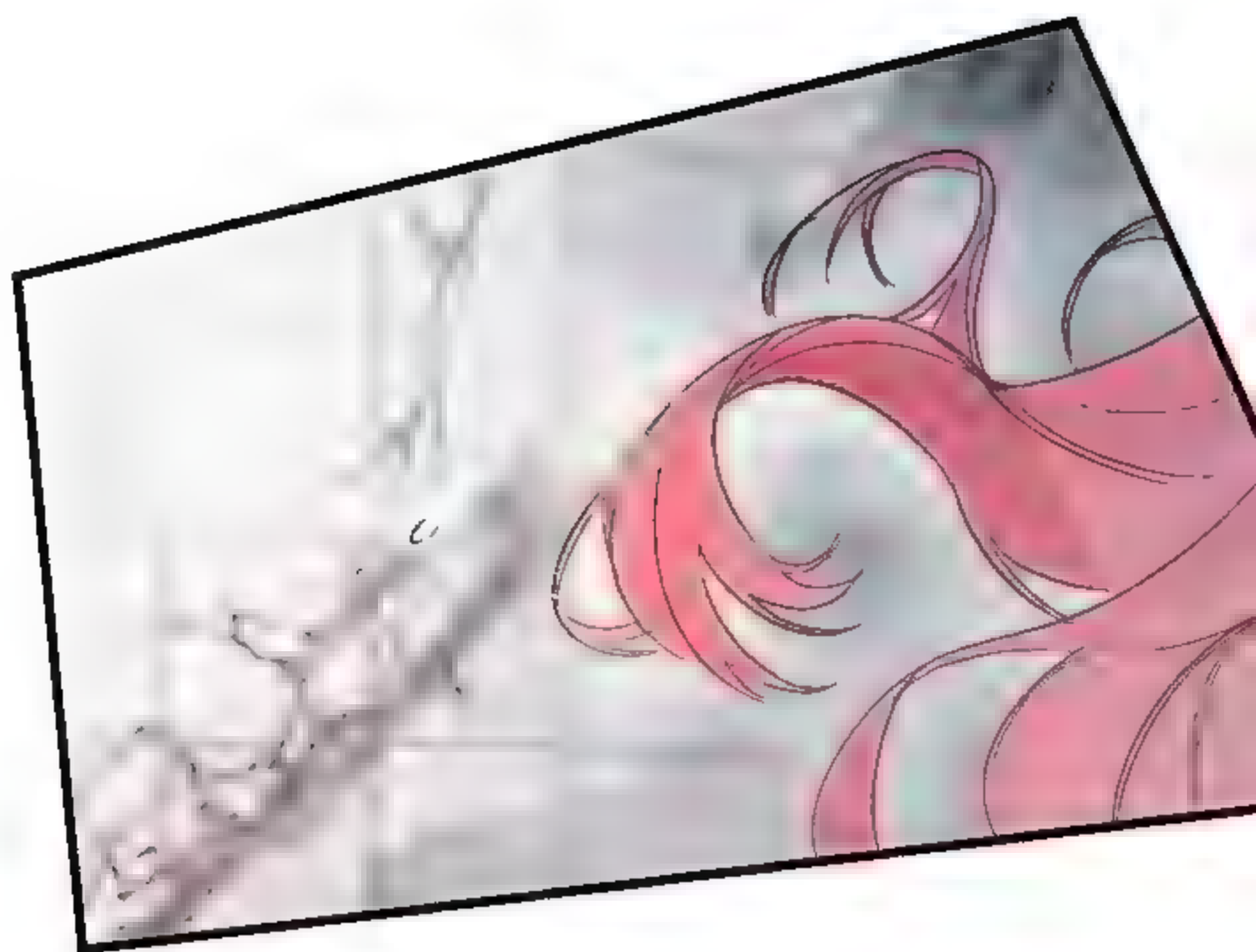
BECAUSE
YOU ARE NOTHING
MORE THAN THE
ORDINARY AND
WEAK...





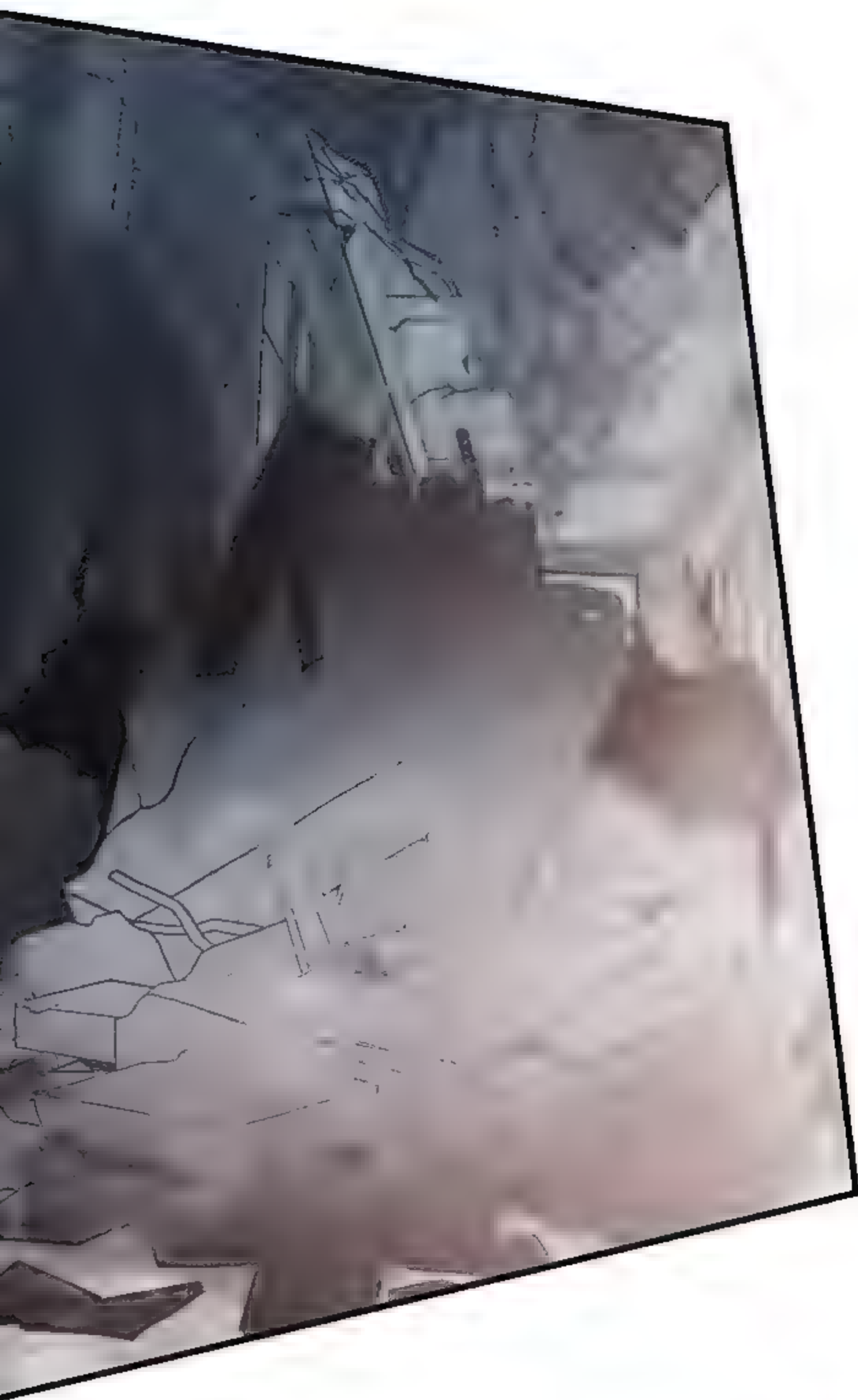


...YONGRAE KIM.











CRASH

YONGRAE!

TOSS

ARE YOU
ALIVE?!



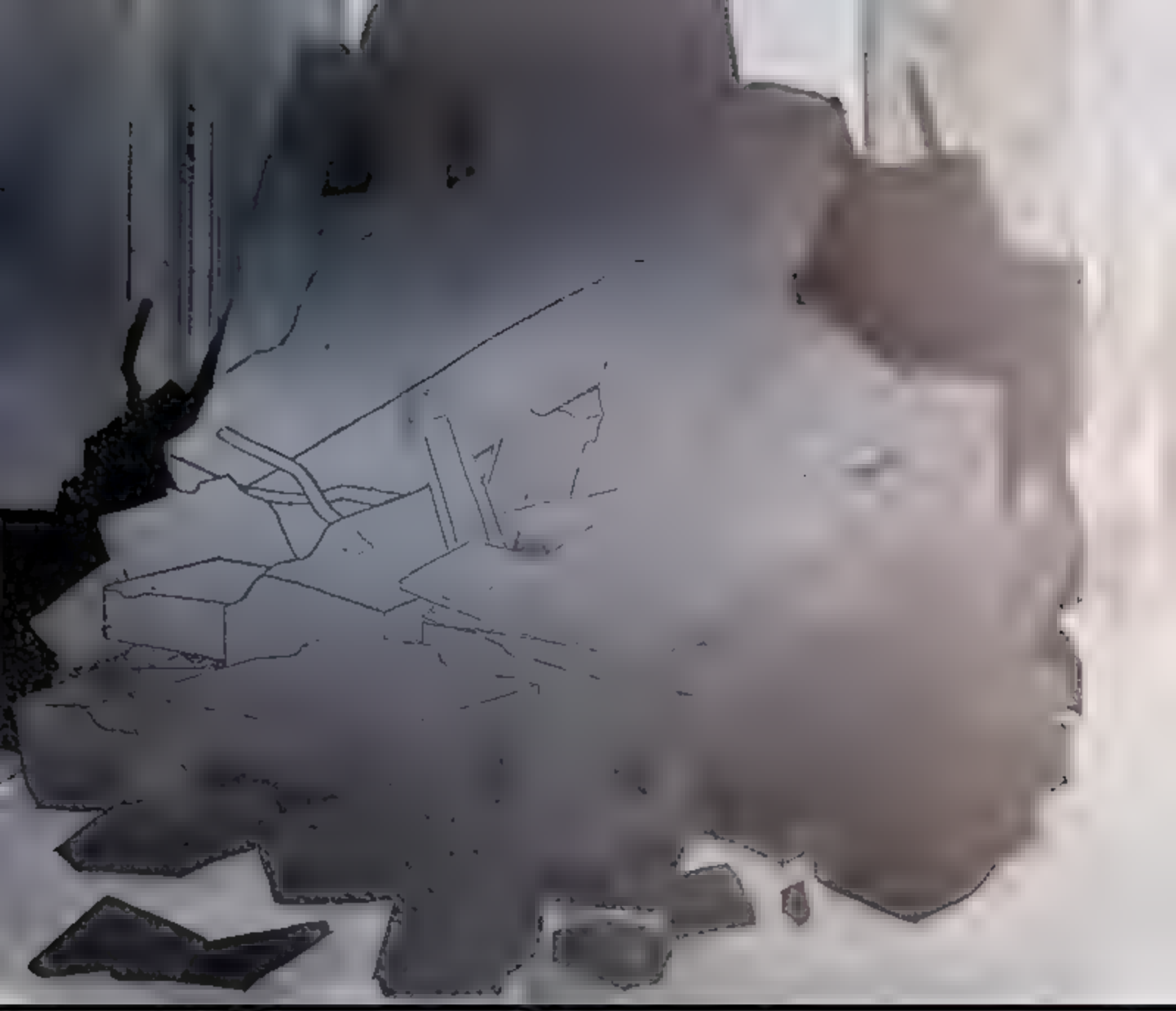
**PLEASE
BE ALIVE...**



YONGRAE!



PLEASE...!





PANT



HAA

LIFT



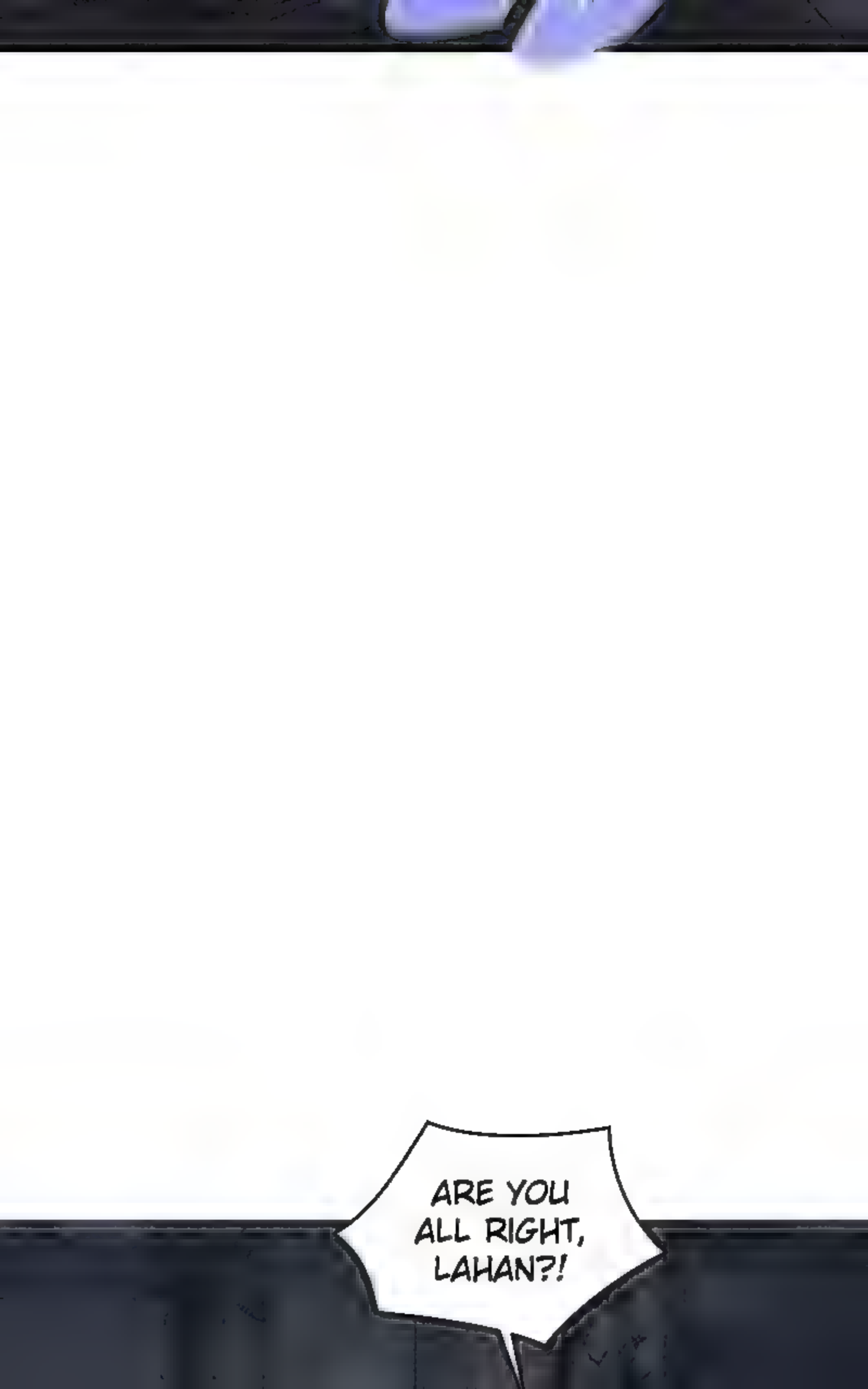


LAHAN?!

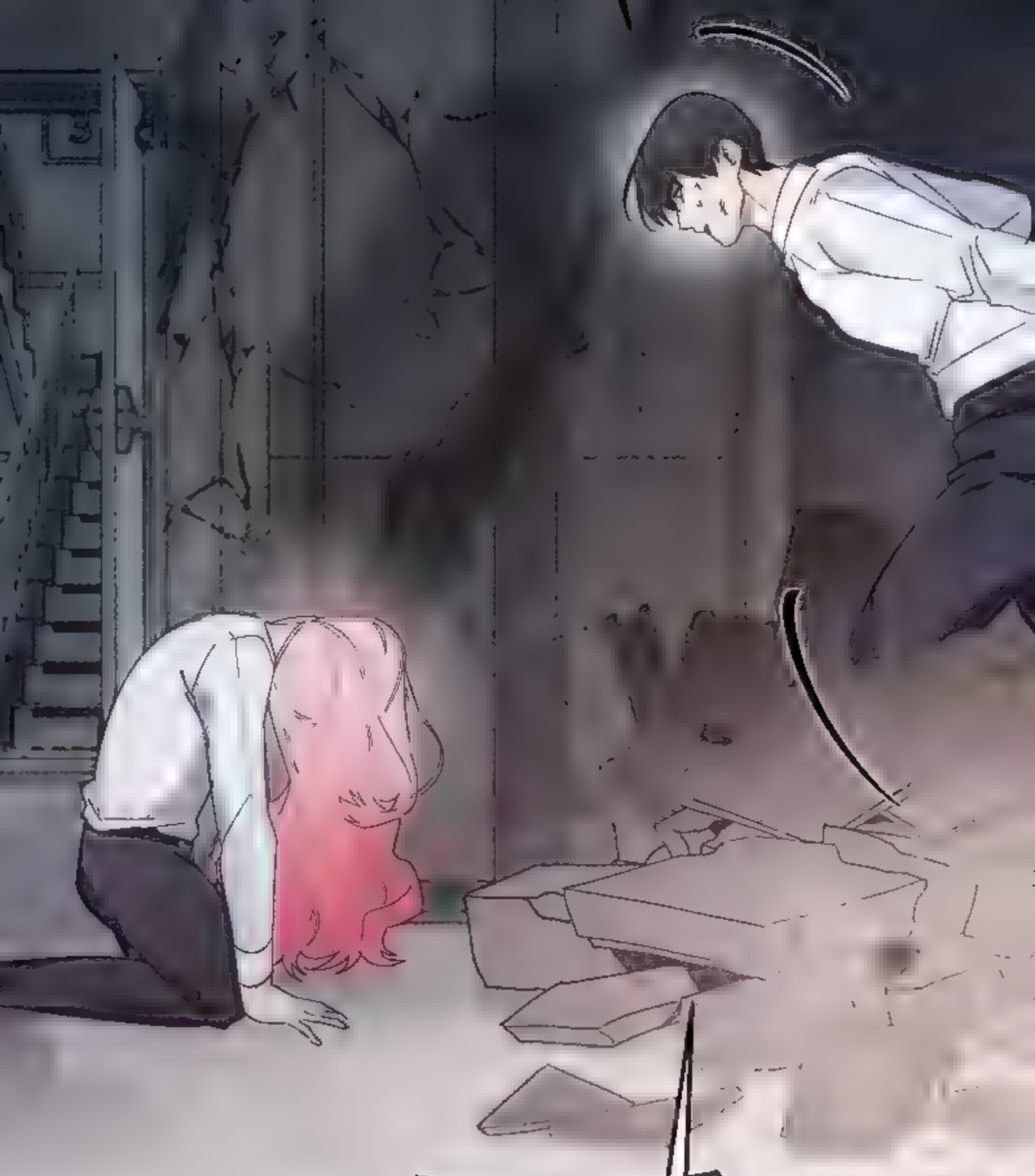


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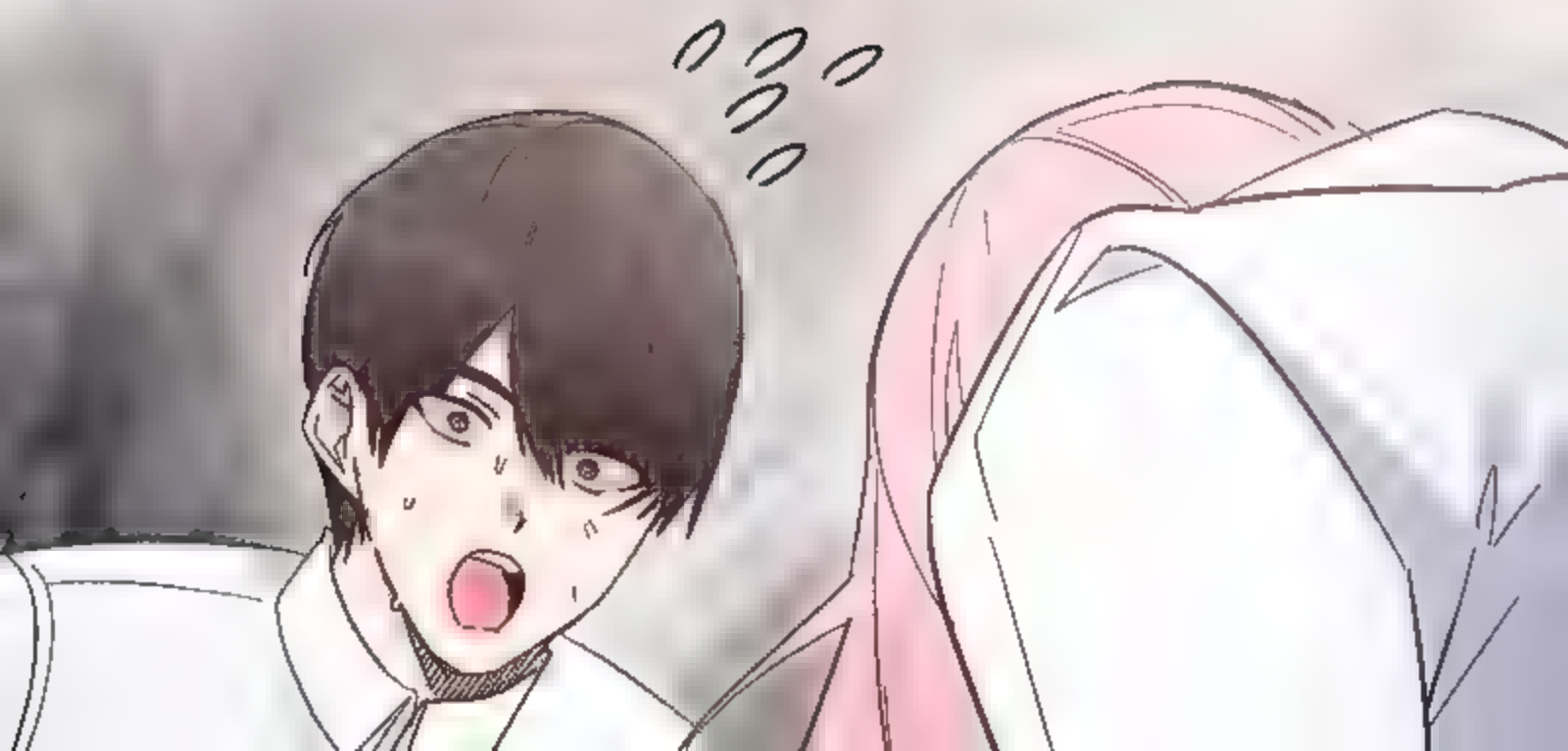
ARE YOU
ALL RIGHT,
LAHAN?!



WHY DIDN'T
YOU LEAVE?
I HEARD MORE
DEBRIS FALLING
DOWN!



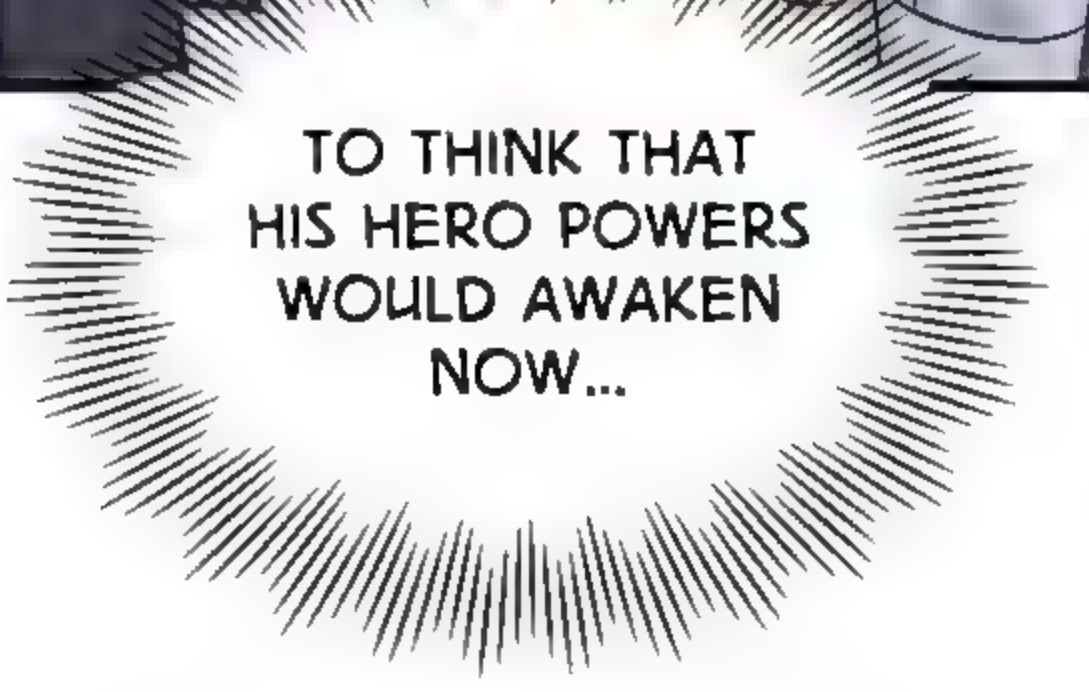
AH...
I CANNOT MOVE
AT ALL...





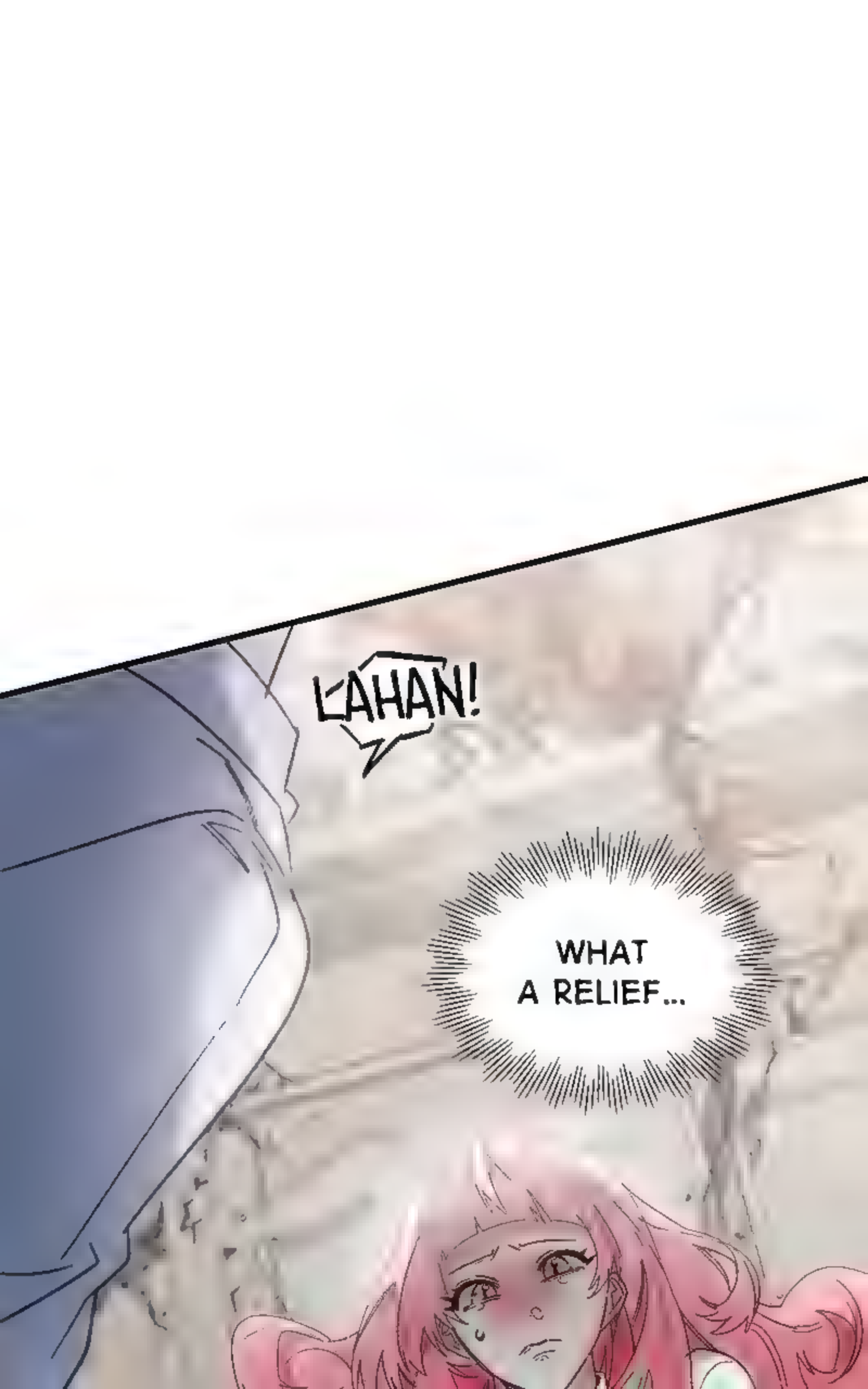
A comic book panel showing a character with long, flowing pink hair. The character is wearing a white lab coat over a dark shirt. Their mouth is wide open in a shout, and their eyes are squeezed shut. A speech bubble originates from their mouth. The background is a simple greyish-blue with some white lines suggesting motion or sound.

LAHAN?
CAN YOU HEAR
ME?!



A large, circular graphic composed of many fine, radiating lines, creating a sunburst or shockwave effect. It is centered below the speech bubble.

TO THINK THAT
HIS HERO POWERS
WOULD AWAKEN
NOW...



L'AHAN!

**WHAT
A RELIEF...**



I AM
SO GLAD...

PLEASE SAY
SOMETHING!

LAHAN...
EEK!

JOLT

LAHAN!
NO!

IS SHE DEAD?!
WHAT DO
I DO?!

CPR?!
NO, IT'S TOO
DANGEROUS IN
HERE! WE NEED TO

GET OUT FIRST!

GAAAAH

SHUT UP
AND PUT ME
ON YOUR
BACK...

SNIFFLE

WHAT AM
I SUPPOSED
TO DO?!

WEE-00

WEE-00

WEE-OO



THE BUILDING

MAY COLLAPSE,
SO STAND
BACK!



THERE
ARE STILL
SOME PEOPLE
IN THERE!









YONGRAE...









...IT IS TIME...

...FOR YOU
TO BE A REAL
HERO.

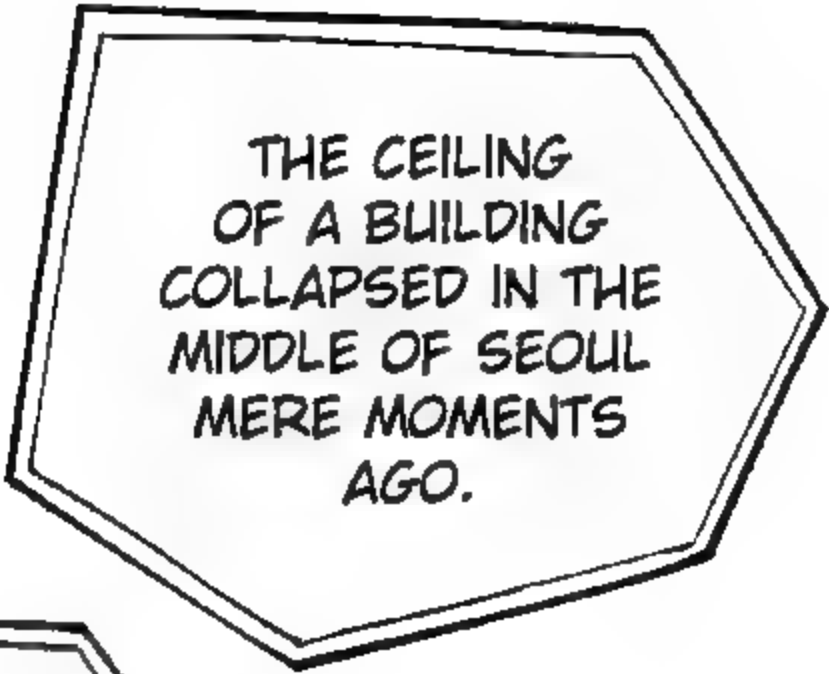




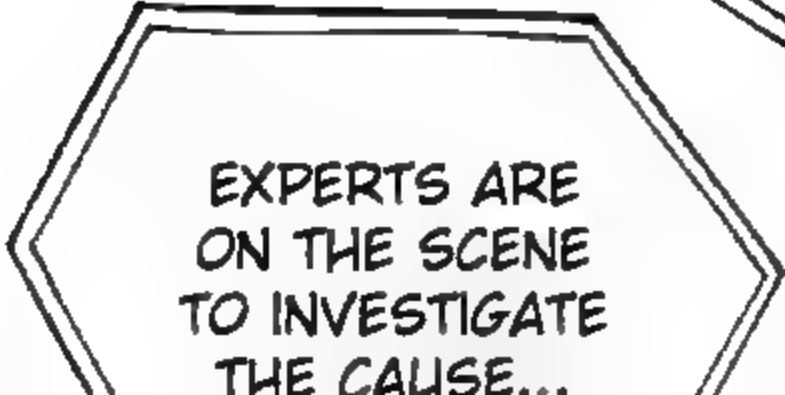




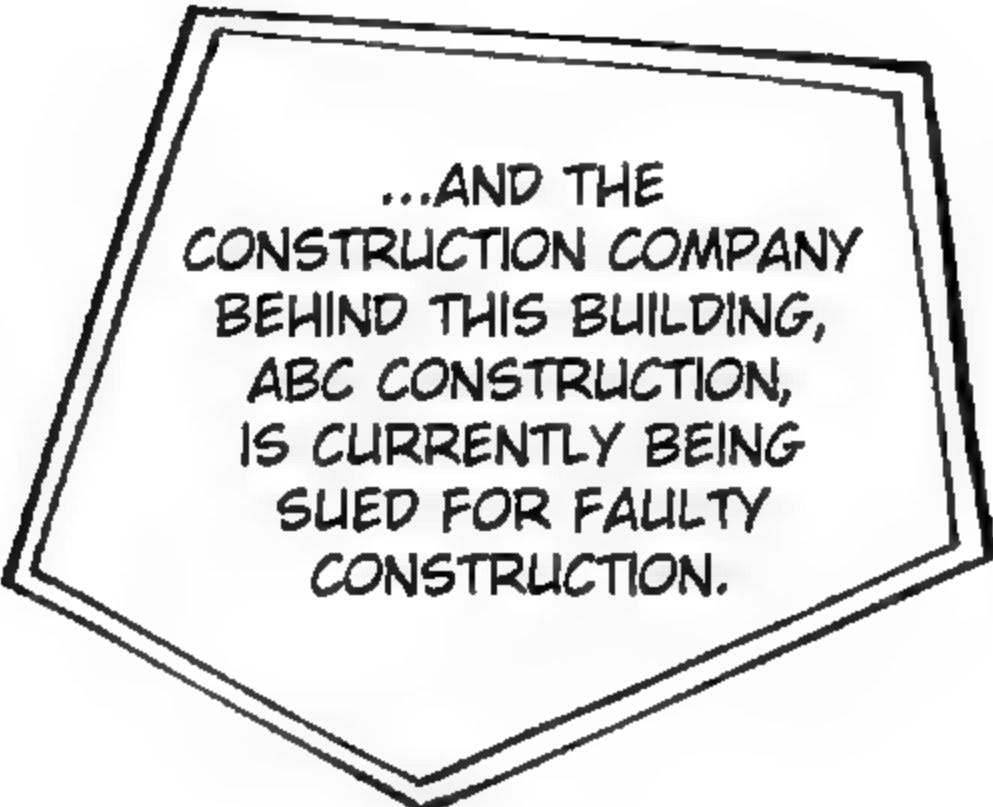
**BREAKING
NEWS!**



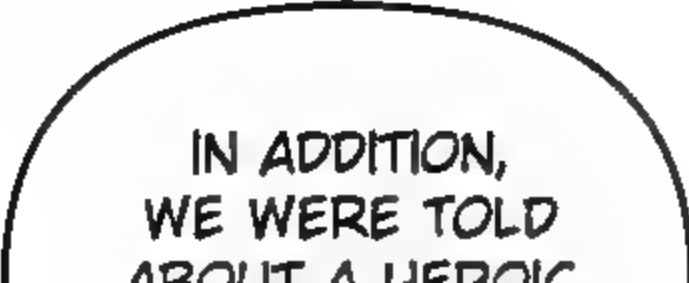
**THE CEILING
OF A BUILDING
COLLAPSED IN THE
MIDDLE OF SEOUL
MERE MOMENTS
AGO.**



**EXPERTS ARE
ON THE SCENE
TO INVESTIGATE
THE CAUSE...**



...AND THE
CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
BEHIND THIS BUILDING,
ABC CONSTRUCTION,
IS CURRENTLY BEING
SUED FOR FAULTY
CONSTRUCTION.



IN ADDITION,
WE WERE TOLD
ABOUT A HEROIC

ABOUT A HEROIC
CITIZEN WHO SAVED
HIS COWORKER.

WITNESSES SAID
THAT HE LOOKED
LIKE A REAL-LIFE
SUPERHERO.

HUSTLE

BUSTLE

I'LL BE
INTERVIEWING
HIM NOW!

HOW WERE YOU
ABLE TO MUSTER
UP THE COURAGE IN
SUCH A DANGEROUS
SITUATION, SIR?

RAISE

NO, IT HAD
NOTHING TO DO
WITH COURAGE...

WE JUST GOT OUT
TOGETHER!

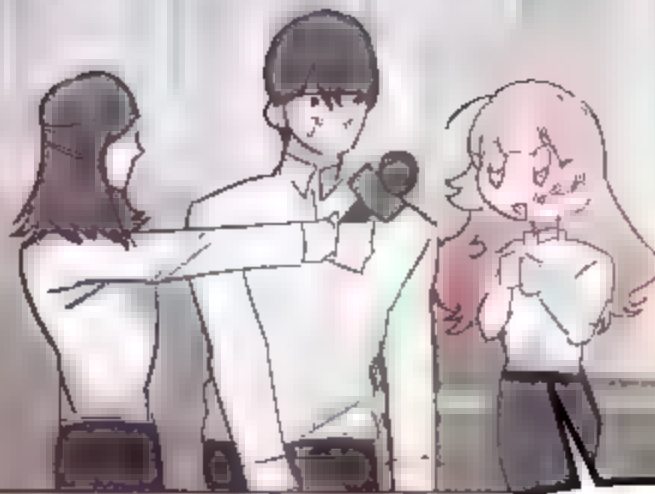
HE CARRIED ME
ON HIS BACK! I AM
SO TOUCHED...

SWOOP

LAHAN?!
ARE YOU ALL
RIGHT NOW?

MS. LAHAN,
IS IT?

WEREN'T YOU
SCARED?



I WAS SO
FRIGHTENED...
I THOUGHT
I MIGHT DIE!



COULD
YOU TELL US
MORE?



WELL... FIRST OF
ALL, THE CEILING
SUDDENLY BEGAN
TO COLLAPSE.







THERE
SHE IS.

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